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SUBJECT: Uzbekistan: Global Initiative Demarche Delivered

REF: a) 09 STATE 18574

CLASSIFIED BY: Steven Prohaska, Second Secretary; REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

¶1. (SBU) This is an action request (see para 3) and response to State 18574.

¶2. (C) On March 11, Poloff, the Russian Embassy's Senior Counselor Alexey Mochulsky, and the Korean Embassy's Third Secretary Kwon O Yul jointly delivered reflet demarche to Uzbek First Secretary Oybek Abdiev of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' United Nations and International Organizations Department. Abdiev thanked them for the information, noting that Uzbekistan would take the invitation to participate in the April Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) activities under consideration. He pledged to inform the head of his Ministry of the activities and to send the information to other relevant Ministries. Abdiev asked Poloff how many representatives from the Government of Uzbekistan are invited to participate. Abdiev said that the GOU would try to inform the Embassies of its decision before March 27. (Comment: Abdiev later told Mochulsky, however, that the head of his department would be out of the country until early April, which may delay the GOU's response to our demarche. End comment.) Outside of the meeting room, Abdiev also requested that Poloff inform him of whether the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is a Global Initiative partner, noting that OSCE may fund the participation of Government of Uzbekistan (GOU) officials in Global Initiative activities if the two entities are connected. (Comment: Uzbekistan has generally been less willing to participate in security cooperation activities that require a financial commitment from the GOU. End comment.)

¶3. (SBU) Action request: Post would appreciate information on the number of Government of Uzbekistan representatives invited to participate in the upcoming Global Initiative activities and on the nature of the OSCE's involvement in the GICNT. Post's action officer for Global Initiative issues is Steven Prohaska, email: prohaskasn@state.gov, telephone: (998-71) 120-5450.

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